LPG Distributors in J & K

359. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criterion followed for opening an LPG dealership/distributorship for distributing cylinders to consumers;

(b) what is the number of LPG distributors in J&K State at present indicating the details regarding the area/population each has to cater to and the place from which they operate;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no separate dealer of LPG for entire Poonch District and for Tehsil Ram Nagar of J&K State with a population of 4 lakhs and 2 lakhs respectively; and

(d) if so, whether Government would provide LPG dealership/distributorship there?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) According to the present policy LPG is introduced in a phased manner in cities/towns with population of 20,000 and above which offer potential for establishing viable distributorship, subject to availability of product.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for Convedting Utkal University to a Central University

360. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has sent a proposal for converting Utkal University into a Central University; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) Government have not received a proposal from Orissa Government for converting Utkal University into a Central University. Utkal University has been established under an Act of the State Legislature of Orissa. As a matter of policy, the Central Government do not convert State Universities into Central Universities.

Expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport

361. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for expansion of Bhubaneswar airport is pending since long;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the airport is likely to be expanded and converted into an international airport; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Expansion of Bhubaneswar airport has been pending for want of land and finance.

(c) and (d) There is no plan to convert Bhubaneswar airport into an international airport.

Withdrawal of Bombay-Bhubaneswar Calcutta flight

362. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay-Bhubaneswar-Calcutta flight was suddenly withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to re-introduce the above flight; and

(d) if so, by when the flight is likely to be re-introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) While the Bombay|Nagpur|Bhubaneswar flight had to be withdrawn due to shortage of aircraft capacity, the Bhubaneswar|Calcutta service is being maintained.

(c) and (d) The shortage of aircraft capacity is continuing. Furthermore the available aircraft are being deployed as a matter of priority so as to achieve high passenger load factors. As of now, there is no plan to reintroduce the Bombay-Bhubaneswar flight.

Clearance of Power projects

363. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many coal-based and gas-based power projects got clearance from the Environment Ministry as on 30th June, 1990;

(b) what is the capacity, estimated costs and location of these projects; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Power Projects in Private Sector in Andhra Pradesh.

364. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two power projects in the private sector are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Plan period in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what will be the total capacity of each projects and also investment in each project and the site selected for the purpose; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have invited offers through insertion of advertisement in the News Papers from Private Entreprenuers for implementation of Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x500 MW), and Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project (around 400 MW). The first unit of 500 MW of the proposed Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project is generally commissioned after 60 months from the date of placement of orders for the main plant and equipment. As regards Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project the commissioning Schedule will be dependent on configuration of the unit size of the gas based plant which is yet to be determined as the scheme is tentatively included for yielding benefits during the Eighth Plan which is under finalisation.

Fire in Hydro Power Station at Kadambari, Madras

365. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire break out at the 400 KW hydro power station at Kadambari, Madras on 19th October, 1990;

(b) if so, what were the causes of the fire;

(c) what is the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(d) by when the above power station is likely to be working smoothly again; and

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the incident and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRO DHAKNE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the preliminary investigations carried out by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the fire originated on bursting